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In response to the Final Office Action mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter, "PTO") on October 11, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.